(iii) Certain provisions of the IMDT Act, 1983 may be violative of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

(c) Certain organizations of minorities have requested to the Government for retention of the IMDT Act, 1983.

(d) A proposal to repeal the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) IDMT Act, 1983 is under consideration of the Government.

(e) The Foreigners Act, 1946 will also apply to the State of Assam, in the event of abrogation of the IMDT Act, 1983, and the provision of the Act, applicable in the whole country, also provides due safeguards for all the citizens.

Arrest of Retired Army Officer

3552. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a retired Brigadier of Indian Army was arrested on 14th March, 2001 in New Delhi who was allegedly manufacturing cartridges and other ammunition at his residence;

(b) if so, whether a cache of large quantity of arms was seized from his place; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A case FIR No. 12/2001 under section 25/54/59 Arms Act and 4&5 of Explosive Substance Act, 1980 was registered at Mahipalpur Police Station in which a retired Brigadier of Indian Army was arrested. During the investigation of the case some arms and ammunition were also recovered.